

# Day 2 - World War I

Entrance task: How might Bismarck have felt about the role of alliances in the start of the Great War?

Today: US Involvement in the Great War and the concept of Total War on the home front

Homework: Ch. 27-3

The Balkans in 1878



## Europe in 1914

A-H started the war with Germany's full support - *blank check*

- failure of the alliance system
- aggressive nationalism

**von Schlieffen Plan**

- violated Belgium's neutrality
- drew Britain and France into the war





## Battle of the Marne - 1914

- \* First major battle of the war
- \* Showed that this was not going to be a quick, easy war
- \* Stalemate along trench lines
- \* Nearly 500,000 French & German casualties, 13,000 British



## TOTAL WAR

- \* Economic planning by the government
  - rationing, wage and price controls, etc.
  - led to the rise of totalitarianism
- \* Labor shortages increased the power of labor unions
- \* Women entered the workforce
- \* Media influence with propaganda tried to keep



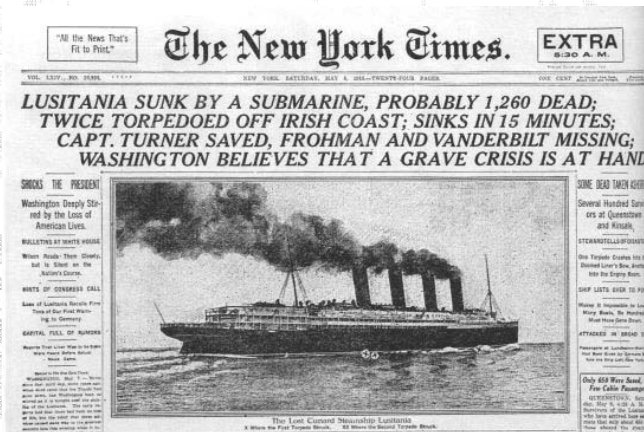
## Battles of Somme and Verdun

- \* Cost thousands of lives but resulted in no significant gains in territory for either side.
- \* Left a generation of young men incredibly disillusioned and horrified



## The United States Enters the War

- \* Sinking of the Lusitania
- \* Zimmerman Telegram
- \* anti-German propaganda



## Homework

### Ch. 27-3 - The Russian Revolution

